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1. The 1 Fighter Division was created in the summer of 1949 from the former 1 Fighter Flotilla. Originally the 1 Fighter Division had only two regiments, organized from the two groups of the former flotilla. At the beginning of 1950, a third fighter regiment was created. The Division headquarters are located in Bucharest and the following are staff officers: Commander - Lt. Colonel Anton Stefanescu; Political Commissar - Major Ion Galis; Commander of the Rear - Lt. Colonel Boris Avramescu; Technical Service - Major Mihai Fenici, an air maintenance officer and career officer who was commissioned in 1932; he is anti-Communist; Counterintelligence Officer - Lt. Ion Bala.
2. Organization of the Division
 - a. The 1 Fighter Regiment, Clinceni Airfield, Bucharest. The Commander is Captain Gheorghe Serghie and the Political Commissar is Lt. Laurentiu Manu. The regiment is composed of three squadrons of three sections each, four planes in each section. Equipment: thirty Messerschmidt-109 planes, and ten IAR-80 planes.
 - b. The 2 Fighter Regiment, Rosiorii-de-Vede Airfield. The regimental staff is composed of: Commander - Captain Gheorghe Lupsa; Assistant for Flight Technique - Lt. Major Ion Florea; Chief of General Staff - Lt. Major Laurentiu Nicodim. The regiment is composed of three squadrons, two of which are composed of three sections with four planes in each section. The third squadron had only its personnel and no planes. Equipment: fifteen Messerschmidt-109 planes and ten IAR-80 planes.
 - c. The 3 Fighter Regiment, Targosor Airfield near Ploesti. The Commander is Major Lebidev and the Assistant for Flight Technique is Lt. Cristea Chirvasuta. The regiment is composed of two squadrons of three sections each, four planes in each section. Equipment: ten IAR-80 planes, five Messerschmidt-109 planes, three Nardi planes, and two PO-2 planes.

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